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FROM SUPERVISOR FEDERAL GLOVER

New county administrator hits the ground running

The Board of Supervisors welcomed David Twa as the new County Administrative Officer (CAO) assuming responsibilities as the manager of the county when current CAO John Cullen retires this fall. Cullen helped Twa ease into his new position by staying with the County for two weeks after Twa arrived.

I feel the County was able to hire a seasoned professional manager that is so well qualified to take over the reigns of the County.

David Twa comes with an impressive set of credentials. He has significant experience in a state where county government is very similar to California. His executive, financial, legal and service delivery experience prepares him extremely well for helping us take on the many challenging issues facing Contra Costa County.



SUPERVISOR FEDERAL GLOVER says "Thank You" for re-electing him for his 3rd term as the District V supervisor.

Mr. Twa comes to Contra Costa County from Ramsey County Minnesota, where he has served as the County Manager for the past five years. He has served as the County Administrator in three counties in Minnesota for over 20 years.

Twa could have arrived earlier except he stayed in Minnesota to help coordinate the recent Republican National Convention held in Minneapolis.

In addition to these assignments, Mr. Twa also served as an Elected County Attorney, Interim Property Records and

Revenue Director, Executive Director of

Housing and Redevelopment Authority, and Interim Director of Public Health and Long-term Care.

Mr. Twa received his Juris Doctor from the University of Minnesota, as well as a degree in accounting, and is also a Certified Public Accountant.

Under David Twa's leadership Ramsey County has maintained a AAA credit rating, one of few counties in the country to achieve this distinguished ranking. He also has overseen his county's efforts to institute a Strategic Planning Program, address Health Care Cost Liability, started a two year budget process, work with community partners to improve public services in the Minneapolis- St. Paul Region, and, institute significant

redevelopment projects.

Those skills will help him here as he tackles the county's difficult -- but not insurmountable -- budget situation.

David has demonstrated the creativity, initiative and personal commitment necessary to positively address many issues that confront local government and our

county. Twa was named the County Manager of

the Year (2007) by the Minnesota Association of County Administrators, for his innovation in public service.

Mr. Twa is married and has three adult children. He is also an avid runner who regularly takes part in marathons.

We face a future full of obstacles but I am certain that even in these difficult times, our new administrator will be able to manage our county government, its finances and the services we provide the public.



County Administrator David Twa



On the 11th month, 11th day, 11th hour

Supervisor Federal Glover spoke in front of 90 people gathered at the Pittsburg Senior Center in observance of Veterans Day last Nov. 11 where the United Veterans of Pittsburg organized the ceremonies.

NEWS YOU CAN USE

40,000 apply for county's housing assistance

For a short period of time, Contra Costa Housing Authority opened up the applications for Section 8 housing. It was the first time applications for the federally funded housing program has been accepted since 2001.

Joseph Villareal, executive director head of the county's housing authority says the agency received 40,000 applications during the five-day period between Nov.

3 and Nov. 7. Appplications by mail were accepted until Nov. 14.

"The floundering economy and the mortgage crisis has put a lot of folks on the edge of homelessness," said Supervisor Glover, the Housing Authority chair for 2008.

With so many applicants, the agency expects its waiting list to last two or three years.

Applications will be placed in a random lottery and reduced to 6,000 applicants who will be placed on the wait list. There are currently 341 Section 8 vouchers available out of the agency's total 6,781 vouchers.

All applicants will be mailed a notice regarding whether or not they were selected for the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Waiting List by Jan. 31, 2009.

If you are one of the 6,000 applicants selected for the Housing Choice Voucher Waiting List, you will be contacted when assistance is available and your name reaches the top of the list. Eligible



applicants will have their name added to the preliminary housing waiting list based upon preferences.

It is important that applicants provide the Housing Authority with updated information whenever their mailing address changes to ensure the authority can contact the applicant if

assistance becomes available.

Pittsburg and Richmond have their own housing authorities which administer their Housing Voucher programs have their own lists of applicants. The County's applicant list will not affect the waiting lists in those cities.

County offers flu vaccine at immunization clinics

There is still time to receive a flu vaccine before Thanksgiving. Seasonal flu vaccinations will be offered at Contra Costa Health Services Public Health immunization clinics.

Flu vaccinations are offered on a first come, first serve basis. Vaccinations cost \$15 for adults and \$10 for children up to 19 years of age, but no one will be turned away if unable to pay. Vaccinations will be available until springtime.

Anyone older than 6 months is eligible for a vaccination. You should not receive a vaccination if you are allergic to eggs. Pregnant women, people with chronic disease, all children younger than 19 years and those older than 50 years

In East County the immunizations are being offered between 1 to 4:30 p.m. on



should receive flu vaccine. Nasal spray and injections will both be available for healthy people ages 2 to 49 and are not pregnant.

Tuesdays at the Brentwood Public Health Clincic, 171 Sand Creek Road, Suite A

SERVING THE PUBLIC

Adult Protective Services fights elder abuse

Every year, thousands of older and dependent adults suffer from abuse, neglect or exploitation. They are living in their own homes, apartments and with their families. Most of them are suffering in silence. And the facts are alarming!

Adult Protective Services (APS), under the County's Employment and Human Services Department, receives calls every day concerning possible abuse of elderly or dependent adults in our community. In 2003, Contra Costa County's APS responded to an average of 152 reports of abuse per month.

Consider these facts:

- In 1990, 110 allegations of abuse were made to Contra Costa County's APS. In 2001, the number of allegations reached 1316, a twelvefold increase in over 12 years.
- In 2003, APS averaged 290 active cases per month.
- In Contra Costa County, the fastest growing segment of the population is the 85+ age group. Over the next ten years, the 65+ age group is expected to increase 37 percent; the 85+ segment is predicted to skyrocket by 55 percent.

Experts estimate, however, that at least four times as many incidents are



unreported as those that are reported and substantiated.

Often people don't know when or where to go for help. In other cases, denial, fear or shame keeps abuse a secret. The only real shame is not reporting a case of possible abuse, neglect or exploitation.

Adult Protective Services provides assistance 24-hours a day to elderly and dependent individuals who are victims of physical, emotional or financial harm or abuse.

Call toll free: (877) 839-4347.

Backpacks and summer camps

Each year, the Employment & Human Services Department's VESTIA (Volunteer Emergency Services Team In Action) program gives low-income children who receive cash aid, and children in foster care the opportunity to attend summer camp and donates back-to-school backpacks to these children who might not have these opportunities or whose families struggle to prepare them for returning to school in the Fall.

Children who wouldn't otherwise have the chance to go to summer camp are given the opportunity to attend one of our six summer camps. Children are referred to the program by their social worker for camp or for back to school backpacks.

VESTIA is currently collecting hygiene kits, sleeping bags, books and duff el bags for children who will be going to camp this summer. You can even sponsor a child so they can attend camp! A \$50 donation will go a long way in helping a child go to summer camp and make a lifetime of memories.

VESTIA is now collecting backpacks and supplies such as binders, folders, pens, pencils, highlighters, scissors, etc. to outfit children and get them ready to return to school.



VESTIA helps people throughout the year, including giving new books to children and youth and helping outfit women and men who are returning to work.

If you or a group you are involved with would like to be involved in helping, please call the VESTIA office at (925) 335-2193.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Nov. 27, All day Thanksgiving Holiday Supervisor Glover's office closed



Dec. 7, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. **Antioch Christmas Parade**

Downtown Antioch

Dec. 7, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. **Holiday Revue** Santa, music, bands, food, arts and crafts Downtown Pittsburg

Dec. 25 **Christmas Day** Office Closed



Jan. 1, 2009 New Year's Day Office closed

Jan. 3, 6:00 p.m. Supervisor's 9th Annual Crab Feed East County Boys & Girls Club,

1001 Stoneman Avenue, Pittsburg Cost: \$35. Info: 925-427-8138

Jan. 6, 10 a.m. **Board of Supervisors Reorganization** Board of Supervisors' Chambers, Martinez

Jan. 19 Martin Luther King's Birthday Office closed



GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

ANTIOCH

Antioch Unified School District: 7 p.m., second and fourth Wednesdays, district offices, 510 G St. 706-4100.

Antioch Area Public Facilities Financing Agency (Mello-Roos District): 7 p.m., Antioch Unified School District boardroom, 510 G Street. 776-2030. Meets every other month, first Monday. Call to confirm meeting date.

City Council: 7 p.m., second and fourth Tuesdays, City Hall, Third and H streets. Parks and Recreation Commission: 7 p.m., second Thursday, City Hall, Third and H streets. 779-7070, Ext. 0.

BAY POINT

Municipal Advisory Council: 7 p.m., first Tuesday, Ambrose Community Center, 3105 Willow Pass Road. 458-1601.

Ambrose Park and Recreation District, 7 p.m., second Thursday, Ambrose Center: 3105 Willow Pass Road, Bay Point. 925-458-2457

BETHEL ISLAND

Bethel Island Municipal Improvement District, 3 p.m., third Thursday, 3085 Stone Road, Bethel Island.

Municipal Advisory Council, 7 p.m. second Tuesday, BIMID office, 3085 Stone Road.

OAKLEY

City Council: 7:30 p.m., second and fourth Tuesdays, 3231 Main St., Oakley. 625-7000.

Liberty Union High School District, 7:30 p.m., second and fourth Wednesdays, District Offices, 20 Oak St., Brentwood. 634-2166

Oakley Unified School District, 7 p.m., third Wednesday, District offices, 91 Mercedes Lane, Oakley, 925-625-0700



Ironhouse Sanitary District: 7:30 p.m., first Tuesday, district offices, 450 Walnut Meadows Drive, Oakley. 625-2279.

Planning Commission: 7:30 p.m., first and third Mondays, 3231 Main St. Oakley. 625-7000.

PITTSBURG

City Council: 7 p.m., first and third Mondays, council chamber, third floor, City Hall, 65 Civic Ave, 925-252-4850.

Planning Commission: 7 p.m., second and fourth Tuesdays, City Hall, 65 Civic Ave. 252-4920.

Pittsburg Unified School District, 7:30 p.m., second and fourth Wednesdays, 2000 Railroad Ave.

COUNTY & REGIONAL

Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors: 9 a.m., first four Tuesdays, Room 107, County Administration Building, 651 Pine St., Martinez. 646-2371.

Delta Diablo Sanitation District: 5:30 p.m., second Wednesday, district offices, 2500 Pittsburg-Antioch Highway, Antioch, 778-4040.

Contra Costa County Local Agency Formation Commission: 1:30 p.m., second Wednesday, room 107, County Administration Building, 651 Pine St., Martinez. 646-4090.

State Route 4 Bypass Authority: second Thursday, Tri Delta Transit building, 801 Wilbur Ave., Antioch. Call for starting time. 925-686-0619.

East County Transportation Improvement: second Thursday, second Thursday, 801 Wilbur Ave., Antioch. Call for starting time. 925-686-0619.

East Contra Costa Fee & Financing Authority: second Thursday, Tri Delta Transit building, 801 Wilbur Ave., Antioch. Call for starting time. 925-686-0619.

Transplan: 6:30 p.m. second Thursday, Tri Delta Transit building, 801 Wilbur Ave., Antioch. 925-335-1201.

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